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Kaua'i police arrest two men and seize over \$1 Million worth of methamphetamine

HANAMA'ULU – Two men were arrested on Tuesday following a drug investigation conducted by the Kaua'i Police Department, which led to the recovery of a large amount of crystal methamphetamine.

Based on an ongoing investigation, officers applied for and were granted a search warrant on a home in Hanamā'ulu on Tuesday morning. The search led to the recovery of roughly \$2,000 in cash, a stolen handgun, miscellaneous illicit drugs, and over seven pounds of methamphetamine, which has a street value of approximately \$1.6 million.

As a result of the execution of the search warrant, the home's occupants, 24-year-old Andrew Martinez of Hanamā'ulu and 28-year-old Steven Orozco of Stockton, California, were subsequently arrested for three counts of first-degree Meth Trafficking, three counts of Drug Paraphernalia, third-degree Promotion of a Dangerous Drug, first-degree Theft, and Alteration of Identification Marks Prohibited, as the serial numbers on the stolen handgun had been tampered with.

Martinez and Orozco are currently being held in Police Cellblock. Bail has not yet been set.

The case remains as an ongoing investigation.

“This is the largest amount of crystal methamphetamine that the department has seized in a single incident with the take down of this drug trafficking organization,” stated Kaua’i Police Chief Darryl Perry. “The credit and accolades go to our officers, as it is a testament to their dedication to remove drugs from our streets and capture drug dealers in our community. I am incredibly proud of their efforts.”



Above Photo: Andrew Martinez, age 24, of Hanamā‘ulu



Above photo: Steve Orozco, age 28, of Stockton, California



Above photo: Kaua'i police seized over seven pounds of methamphetamine from a Hanamā'ulu home on Tuesday.

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